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PRESS RELEASE
***SHERRILL GETS 87 MONTHS
IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR
POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY***

SALT LAKE CITY – Zachery Michael Sherrill, age 31, of St. George, will serve 87 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to one count of possession of child pornography.

U.S. District Judge Dee Benson issued the sentence Wednesday afternoon.

This case was prosecuted as a part of Utah Project Safe Childhood, an initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

In a plea agreement reached with federal prosecutors in January, Sherrill admitted that between January and July 2006, he possessed more

than 600 images of child pornography on his computer. The images were of prepubescent minors.

Sherrill was charged after ICE agents executed a search warrant in St. George as a part of a nationwide ICE investigation into child pornography. His laptop computer and other computer equipment were seized by federal agents. He was indicted in October 2006 on one count of receipt of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

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